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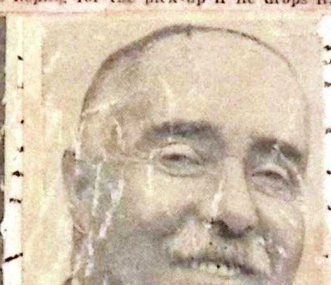

Above — Dick Reynolds, Essendon and Victorian captain 1939, winner of three Brownlow Medals.

Left — Marcus Whelan (Collingwood centre), winner of the Brownlow Medal, 1939.

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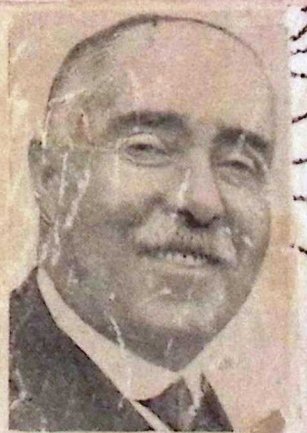
Fischer (Melbourne), sandwiched between an opponent and a club-mate, nevertheless makes the best attempt and looks like securing the mark. The Geelong man on the left is hoping for the pick-up if he drops it.

Mr J. J. LISTON, president of the Association.



Mr T. J. EVANS, who did fine wo many years as secretary of the

Mueller (Melbourne) gets set for an easy mark with H. Glennister (Geelong), who has been caught off balance, offering little resistance. An incident in the game at the M.C.G.

White, Northcote full-forward, falling back on his opponent, Fletcher (Port Melbourne), after misjudging what appears to be an easy mark.

A struggle for possession near Fitzroy's goal with Footscray forwards, Murphy (left) and Page, effectively smothered by the opposing backs, Hillard (front) and E. Hughson.

WHELAN TAKES A MARK

MARCUS WHELAN, Collingwood's star centre man, won Victoria's highest football award last year—the Brownlow Medal

Checked By Weight Of Numbers

Three to one in Essendon's favor: Hull (Richmond) outnumbered on the Tigers' forward line as he goes for a mark with Caesar, Green and Wilson, of Essendon.

In The Uniform Of Australia

Three League footballers now in camp at Geelong — Sgt. Len Thomas (captain-coach of North); "Tich" Edwards (Fitzroy rover), and below, Corporal Jack Bissett (former South captain).

Bert Mills, Hawthorn captain-coach, is an experienced follower and interstate representative.

Brownlow Medal Winners

The medal was first awarded in 1924 to commemorate the work of the late Charles Brownlow, formerly of Geelong. Votes to 1930 were on the one vote principle, but a tie in that year caused a change to the point system on 1, 2, 3 basis.

Year.	Winner	Club
1924	E. G. Greeves	Geelong
1925	Colin Watson	St. Kilda
1926	I. P. Warne-Smith	Melbourne
1927	S. Coventry	Collingwood
1928	I. P. Warne-Smith	Melbourne
1929	A. Collier	Collingwood
1930	S. Judkins	Richmond
1931	H. Bunton	Fitzroy
1932	H. Bunton	Fitzroy
1933	W. Smallhorn	Fitzroy
1934	R. Reynolds	Essendon
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1936	D. Ryan	Fitzroy
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1939	Marcus Whelan	Collingwood

Highest Total Goalkickers

FORMER LEAGUE PLAYERS

G. Coventry, Collingwood	1299
H. Vallence, Carlton	722
W. H. Lee, Collingwood	708
J. Moriarty, Fitzroy	627
R. Pratt, South Melbourne	678
R. Todd, Collingwood	327

PRESENT DAY PLAYERS

W. Mohr, St. Kilda	709
J. Titus, Richmond	693
K. Forbes, North Melbourne	466
H. Collier, Collingwood	294
A. Clarke, St. Kilda	287
R. Harris, Richmond	282
A. Pannam, Collingwood	258
M. Crisp, Carlton	250
P. Bentley, Richmond	243
N. Smith, Melbourne	210
P. Beames, Melbourne	200

Leading League Goalkickers

1907—W. H. Lee, Collingwood	47	1923—G. Stockdale, Essendon	68
1908—W. H. Lee, Collingwood	54	1924—J. Moriarty, Fitzroy	82
1909—W. H. Lee, Collingwood	58	1925—L. Hagger, Geelong	76
1910—W. H. Lee, Collingwood	58	1926—G. Coventry, Collingwood	83
1911—V. Gardner, Carlton	47	1927—G. Coventry, Collingwood	97
1912—H. Brereton, Melbourne	54	1928—G. Coventry, Collingwood	89
1913—J. Freake, Fitzroy	56	1929—G. Coventry, Collingwood	124
1914—W. H. Lee, Collingwood	54	1930—G. Coventry, Collingwood	118
1915—W. H. Lee, Collingwood	66	1931—H. Vallence, Carlton	86
1916—W. H. Lee, Collingwood	48	1932—G. Moloney, Geelong	109
1917—W. H. Lee, Collingwood	54	1933—R. Pratt, Sth. Melb.	109
1918—E. Cowley, Carlton	35	1934—R. Pratt, Sth. Melb.	150
1919—W. H. Lee, Collingwood	56	1935—R. Pratt, Sth. Melb.	103
1920—G. Bayliss, Richmond	63	1936—W. Mohr, St. Kilda	101
1921—W. H. Lee, Collingwood, and C. Rankin, Geelong, each	64	1937—G. Coventry, Collingwood	72
1922—H. Clover, Carlton	54	1938—R. Todd, Collingwood	120
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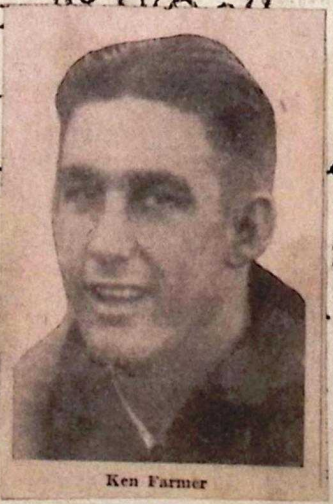


Ken Farmer

MARCUS WHELAN, Collingwood's star centre man.

CARLTON-V-RICHMOND

Jack Moriarty, a champion forward for the Maroons, originally played for Xavier College and Essendon.

Percy Bentley, Richmond captain, and Jack Titus, forward.

Harry Vallence (Williamstown), who had kicked 855 goals at the end of the 1939 season—722 for Carlton, 133 for Williamstown.

W. "Chicken" Smallhorn, Fitzroy's champion wing man and a Brownlow medallist.

League Ground Dimensions

The dimensions of the League grounds and the direction of the goal-posts are:—

CARLTON—190 x 170 yards. Posts—East and west.

COLLINGWOOD—182 x 156, east and west.

ESSENDON — 184 x 165, east and west.

FITZROY—170 x 155, east and west.

FOOTSCRAY—197 x 145, north and south.

GEELONG—190 x 151, north and south.

HAWTHORN—135 x 136, east and west.

MELBOURNE—166 x 168, east and west.

NORTH MELBOURNE — 202 x 147, north-west and south-east.

RICHMOND—160 x 150, north-east and south-west.

ST. KILDA—186 x 154, north and south.

SOUTH MELBOURNE—189 x 154, east and west.

LANCE COLLINS.

← Keith Kemp, Brighton wing man, one of the younger school of players.

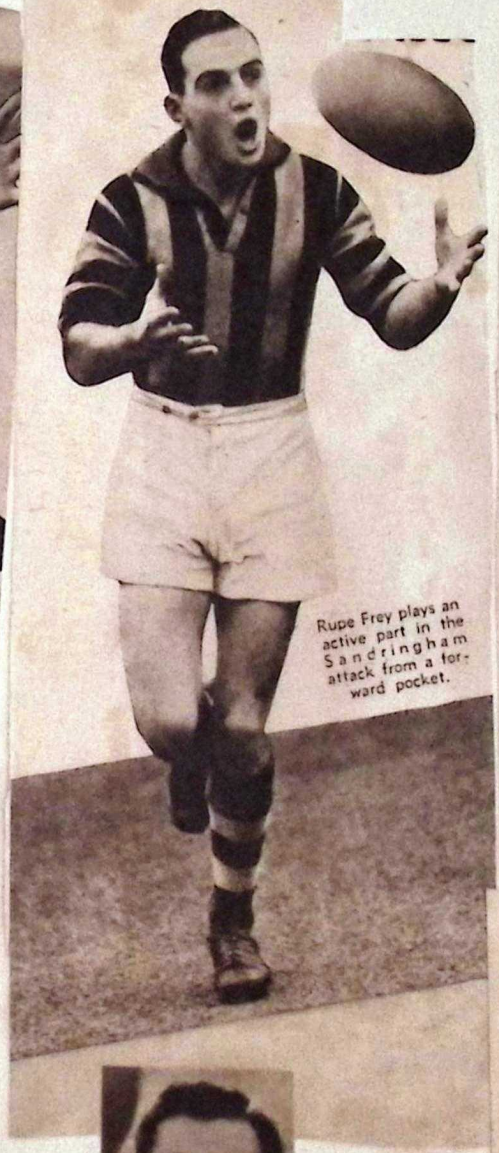
Bob Pratt, now at Coburg, was South Melbourne's chief forward attraction. He holds a League record of 150 goals in a season. He kicked 678 goals for South.

George Hawkins, Prahran, broke an all-Australian goal-kicking record with 164 in a season last year. →

Gordon Coventry, another Collingwood crack forward, is shown taking a typical mark despite the spoiling efforts of Kinnear (Melb.). Gordon played 18 seasons and kicked 1299 goals. ↓

Norman Smith (Melbourne) forward.

← Wally Lock, Melbourne full back.



Rupe Frey plays an active part in the Sandringham attack from a forward pocket.

SYD DYER

Jim Dowling, Brunswick's clever rover, is one of the Peter Pans of football. He is a brilliant player who never wastes a kick.

Played Over 150 League Games Up To End of 1939

Player	Club	Joined	Games
H. Collier	Collingwood	1926	253
P. Bentley	Richmond	1925	244
R. Hickey	Geelong	1926	242
J. Titus	Richmond	1926	224
A. Collier	Collingwood	1925	205
L. Thomas	Hawthorn	1939	203
K. O'Neill	Richmond	1930.	185
W. Mohr	St. Kilda	1929	184
M. Bolger	Richmond	1930	183
K. Forbes	North Melbourne	1936	183
F. Gill	Carlton	1929	180
A. Clarke	St. Kilda	1938	167
T. Quinn	Geelong	1930	164
J. Francis	Carlton	1934	163
B. Mills	Hawthorn	1930	161
R. Pratt	South Melbourne	1930	157
E. Adamson	North Melbourne	1929	152
M. Crisp	Carlton	1931	151

P. Reville played 190 games from 1925 to 1934 for S games for Coburg, then 12 games in 1938 and 9 In 1936, playing with Coburg, Reville was equal v The Recorder Cup.

L. Jones played 93 games in West Australia prior to and 115 games with Melbourne to end of 1939.

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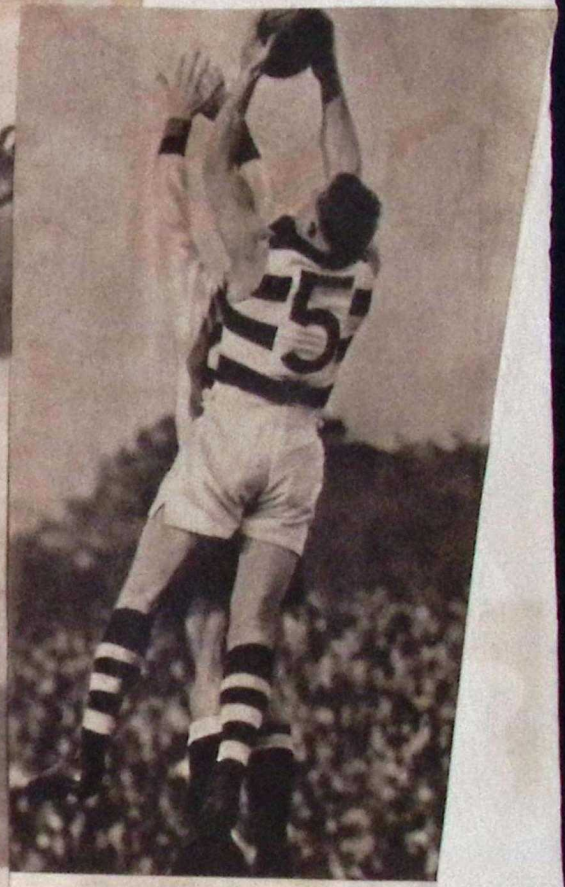
Albie Pannam (Collingwood) fighting it out with Dan Guinnane (Richmond).



Jack Evans (Geelong ruck man of 1937) takes a straight mark over a St. Kilda opponent.

"Phonse" Kyne, Collingwood follower and forward.

Testing Football Bladders. Each bladder is immersed in water and finally blown up for 24 hours before delivery.

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THESE FOOTBALL MEN ARE NOW SOLDIERS

W. S. Sharland, ("Jumbo") radio announcer and footballer.

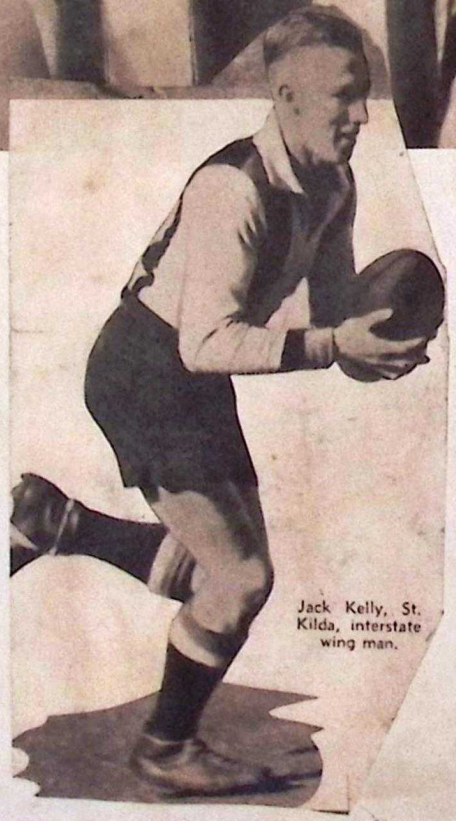
H. Ball, Melbourne League footballer.

"Gerry" Hayes, Association football umpire.

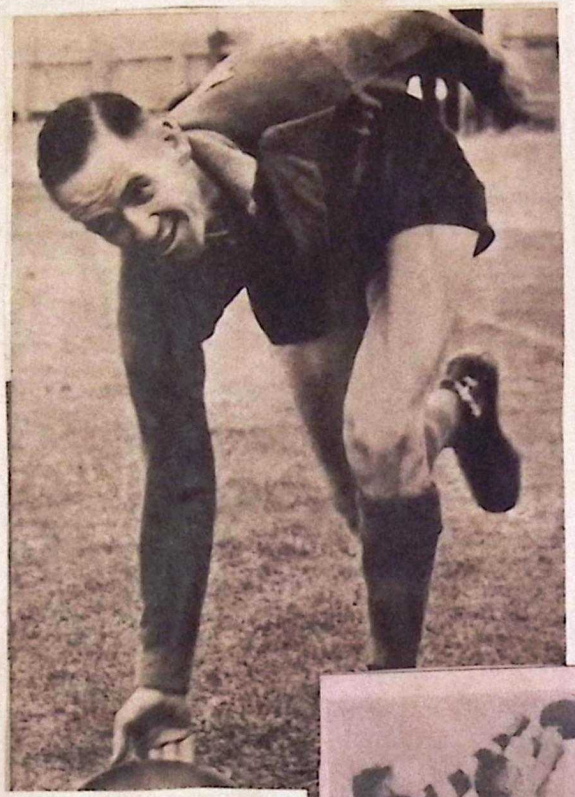
K. Truscott, Melbourne League footballer.

Ron Todd, whose recent transfer from Collingwood to Williamstown caused a football sensation, is an amazing mark. He is literally suspended in the air while he juggles a one-handed mark. The Geelong player is Gneil and the Collingwood player Pannam.

"Dick" Lee, the daddy of them all, headed the League goal-kicking list on nine occasions and was equal with C. Rankin (Geelong) on another. He set the standard for forward play. His



Jack Kelly, St. Kilda, interstate wing man.



ARTHUR CUTTING

Lock, Melbourne full-back, is tackled by Francis (left), but holds the mark and turns a Carlton attack.

Bethune (Geelong) goes up behi Hearne (Fitzroy) and punches t ball away as the last named attem to mark. Stackpole (Fitzroy) is the foreground.

← Jack Graham, South Melbourne follower, marks over team-mate Alex Mitchell.

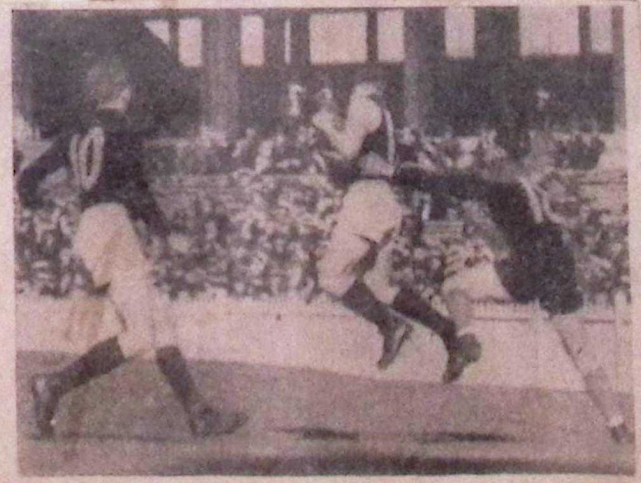
Bill Mohr (St. Kilda) battling against Reg Hickey (Geelong) supported by Ansell Clarke (St. Kilda).

Takes It On The Chest

Watts (Essendon)—left—and Fischer (Melbourne) disputing a mark in the game at the M.C.G.

Murnane (Melbourne) adopts wet weather tactics and marks the ball on his chest in front of Melbourne's goal. T. Reynolds (Essendon) has missed the mark, while Ensselle (Melbourne) waits on the right.

Jack Dyer, Richmond ruckman, flies high to smother his opponent as they dispute a mark.

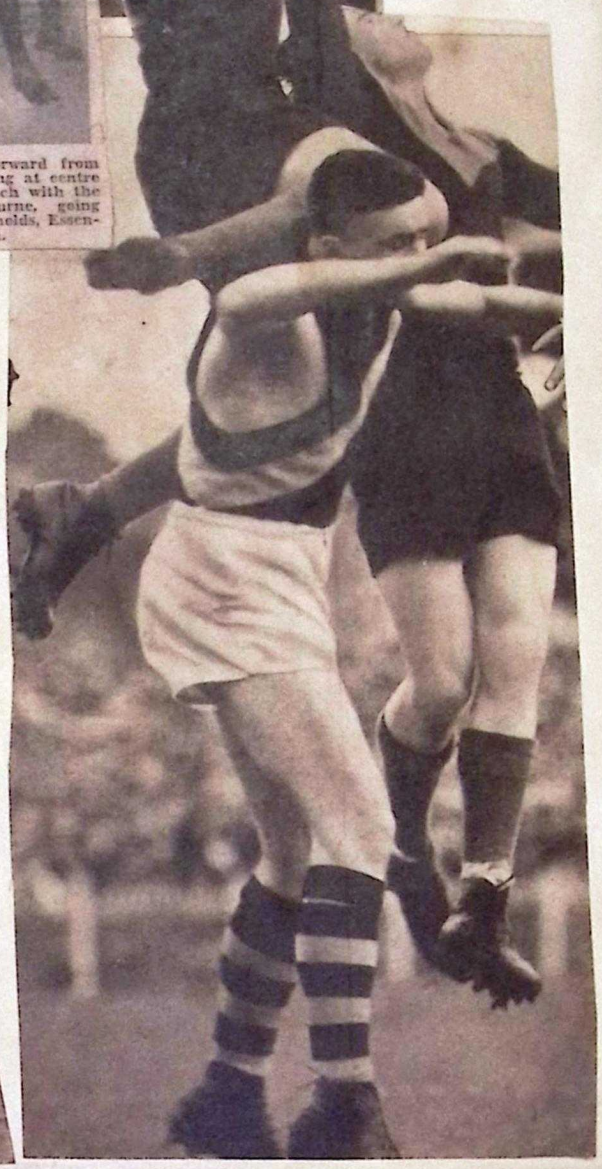


Lock (Melbourne) making a vain attempt to spoil Crisp's mark by holding him round the waist during a forward move by the visitors. Francis (Carlton) is on the left.

J. MUELLER MARKS OVER PERCY BENTLEY.

A picture that has been given world publicity. Bob Pratt (formerly South Melbourne, now Coburg) is poised on the backs of two Richmond opponents. The Richmond player facing the camera is Martin Bolger.

G. Lane (left), star forward from Essendon Seconds, playing at centre forward in his first match with the seniors against Melbourne, going for a mark with T. Reynolds, Essendon's captain.



Aerial Duel At Fitzroy

Sellwood (Geelong)—left—and Hearne (Fitzroy) stage an aerial duel over the Geelong man in the centre. Sellwood appears to have got there first

EX-CARNIVAL MEN IN ACTION.

Large Crowd Enjoys Match.

Over 12,000 people enjoyed a match at Subiaco Oval yesterday between champions of the past, two teams being picked from ex-carnival players, and patriotic funds will benefit appreciably as a result. Spectators in some cases were taken back over 30 years when their old football idols stripped for action yesterday and one

W. J. ("Nipper") Truscott, the oldest player to take part in the past champions' match at the Subiaco Oval yesterday, taking the field. He was one of the captains. During his football career he represented the State in five carnivals.

L. Duffy (left) and J. Leonard, two of the finest rovers this State has produced, renewing acquaintance at the past champions' football match at the Subiaco Oval yesterday.

FOOTBALLER NOW SOLDIER

W. Wells, North Melbourne footballer.

FOOTBALL ANTICS by Murray (Fitzroy) about to mark over Grant (14, Geelong)—one highlight from the League match played at Fitzroy Football Ground on Saturday.

"THE SUN" PHOTO.

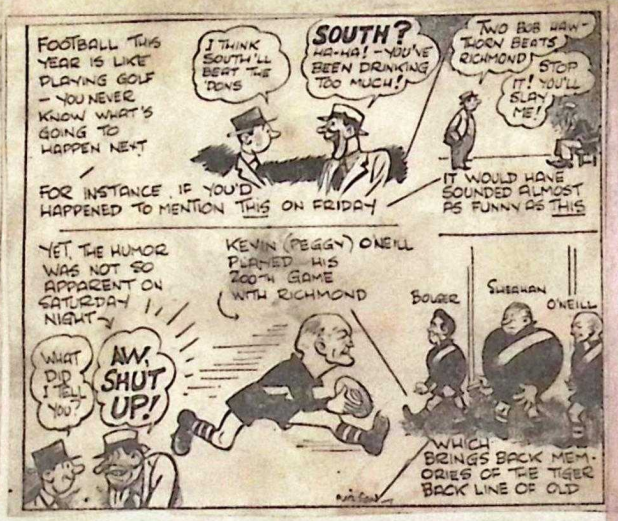
TODD-VALLENCE SYSTEM WINS MATCH FOR WILLIAMSTOWN

Crack Forwards Hold Off Port In Last Quarter

By Clyde Palmer

THE value of the Todd-Vallence attacking combination to Williamstown was never revealed more strikingly than in the team's gruelling home game with Port Melbourne on Saturday. The crack forwards played so brilliantly against a strong wind in a vital last quarter that Williamstown was able to hold off Port by 11 points.

Todd and Vallence gave Williamstown easily their grandest games this season, each man striking top form in marking and kicking during Williamstown's hard last-quarter bid to check Port's attempt to retrieve the match.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IT WOULD HAVE SOUNDED ALMOST AS FUNNY AS THIS
YET, THE HUMOR WAS NOT SO APPARENT ON SATURDAY NIGHT —
KEVIN (PEGGY) O'NEILL PLAYED HIS 200TH GAME WITH RICHMOND
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WHICH BRINGS BACK MEMORIES OF THE TIGER BACK LINE OF OLD

DOUGHERTY (Geelong) and ANDERSON (Carlton) fly for a mark in front of Carlton's goal in the first round of games at the M.C.G.

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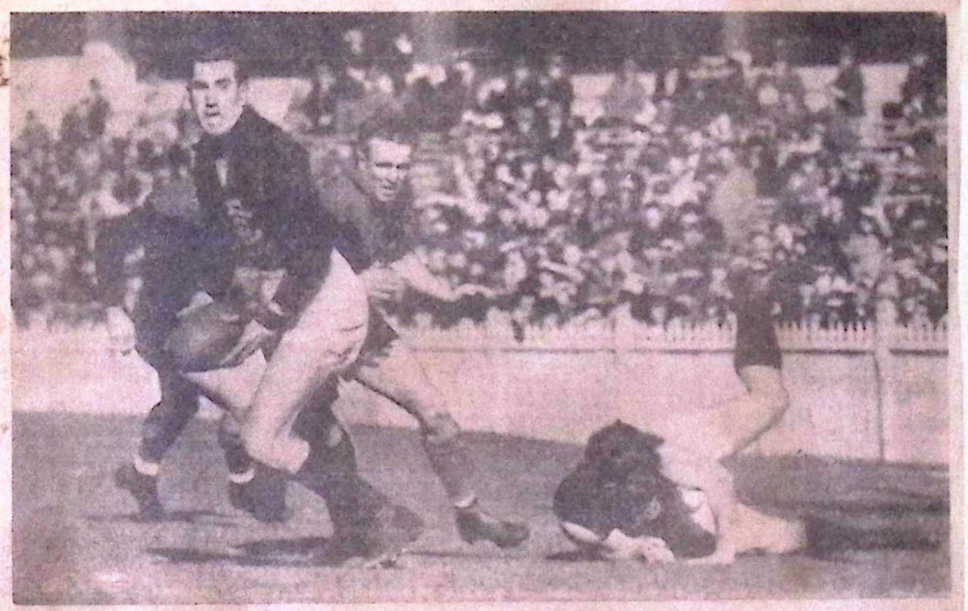
DURING THE LEAGUE FOOTBALL MATCH between Fitzroy and Geelong at Fitzroy on Saturday. — From left, players are: Dougherty (G.), Curcio (F.), Knight (G.), Knott (F.), Hillard (F., with hand to face after a knock in a crush) and Dennington (F., racing in to the ball). Fitzroy won 87-60.

A mighty punch by Hodges (Richmond) sends the ball soaring over the heads of Evendon and Ellis of Footscray in their second round game won by Richmond at the M.C.G.

Custodian As Full Forward



PLAYING in a new role as full-forward, Jim Francis, Carlton's acting-captain, evades Lock (right) and Emselle, both of Melbourne, and lands a goal. On the ground is Crisp (Carlton). Francis usually plays on the back line.

The "Sun" Photo

JOCKEYS' FOOTBALL TEAM AND YOUNG CHINESE played a football match in aid of the Comforts Fund at Parkdale Oval yesterday. The picture shows an incident during the play.

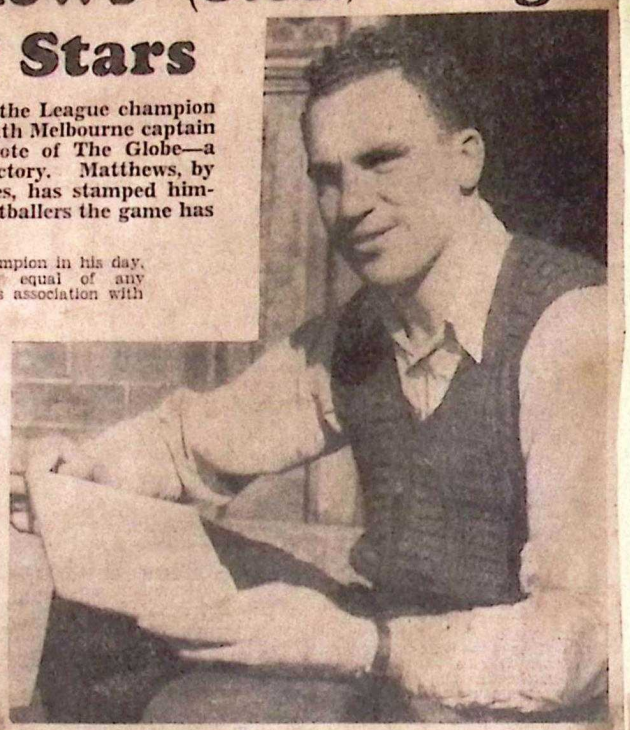
rancis (Carlton) marks cleanly in ront of Fischer (Melbourne) to com-lete a thrust on the Demon's goal. An incident at the M.C.G.

JACK TITUS, leading League goal-kicker, playing his 150th consecutive game with Richmond, makes an unhurried shot for goal while Cleary (South Melbourne) tackles him from behind.

GEELONG BARRACKERS' STRONGHOLD at the League football semi-final at M.C.G. on Saturday. Essendon won, 92-74.

H. Matthews (S.M.) League Star Of Stars

HERBIE MATTHEWS is the League champion of the 1940 season. The South Melbourne captain and centre-man wins the vote of The Globe—a clear-cut and well-merited victory. Matthews, by his outstanding performances, has stamped himself as one of the greatest footballers the game has produced.



H. Matthews, unanimously chosen by The Globe Staff as the outstanding man of the season.

"JOKER" HALL, a veteran and a champion in his day, declared that Matthews is the equal of any centre man he has seen in a lifetime's association with the game.

However, Hall strikes a note worthy of consideration.

"Had Matthews played in his natural place—roving," he says, "he might have been the greatest player we have produced.

"As it is he is a champion in everything he does, whether in the air or on the ground.

"I would put Matthews in a class with the best centres I have seen. Rod McGregor was one of the best centres, and though their methods were different, they had much in common in the way they got their results. McGregor could get into a game and lift it. Matthews does that every week. Then, like Rod, he can alter the strain of a game to suit his team.

"Both have been match-winners in the truest sense of the word. Matthews has won matches this season virtually off his own boot.

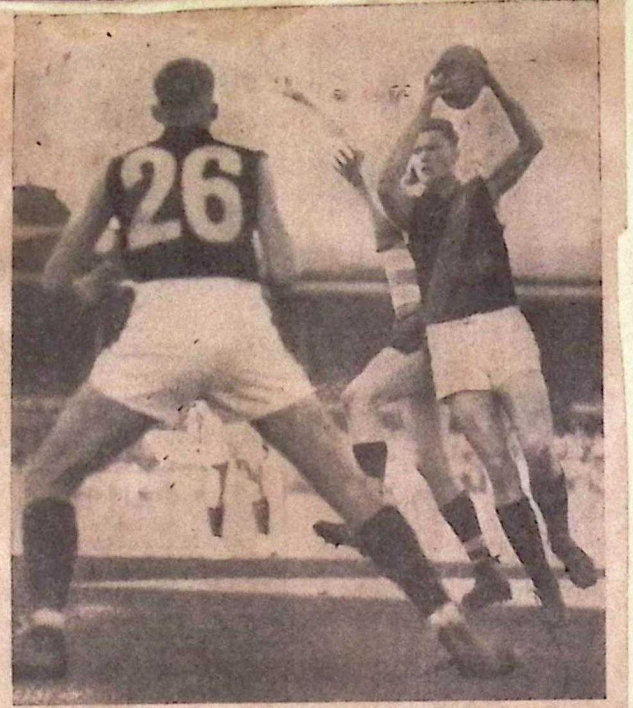
"Matthews has all the essentials of a champion. In these days of roving centremen he has the pivot work down to a fine art. He moves to the attack, helping his forwards; he drops back, stimulating the defence, yet always ready to give them a lead over the centre.

"Yet he never fails to keep an eye on his opponent. He has the knack of being with him and of leaving him whenever occasion demands. There is not a better or a more consistent player than Matthews in the game today.

"Good as he is at centre, in my opinion, he is made to order to develop into a brilliant rover.

"Wherever he plays he is a class footballer and compares really favorably with the best we have seen."

In The Globe voting, Des Fothergill was the closest rival of Matthews throughout the season.



Torney (Essendon) marks with ease over his opponent while his teammate, Green, awaits results. An incident in the semi-final.

PORT MELBOURNE V.F.A. PREMIERS

PORT MELBOURNE are Association premiers—their first title since 1922. Easily the outstanding team for the year, they won the Grand Final from Prahran with ease.

IT was almost "no race" after half time. Although Prahran struggled pluckily, they were no match for their powerful opponents.

The manner of Port's winning the title was akin to that of Williamstown's last year — the latter were last in 1938 and Port second last in 1939. Both Prahran and Brunswick, winners in 1937 and 1938 respectively, raised themselves from well down the list to the top.

duced the form that carried them into the finals and which won them the preliminary final from Williamstown. But for the consistent play of George Hawkins and Alan Thompson, the veteran follower, they would have been still further behind.

Final scores were:—Port Melbourne, 23.22.160; Prahran, 17.11.113.

CONSISTENCY: TEAM WORK

Port were not a team of stars. They won by team work and consistently good football. Ted Freyer, at full forward, came right into his own and his 157 goals for the season speaks for itself.

Austin Robertson, who made his Association debut with Port, after a quiet beginning, was prominent in the finals. He was moved to centre half-forward where his long kicking and understanding with Freyer often left the opposition defenders standing.

Prahran on Saturday never repro-

Everett (Geelong) and Bryce (Essendon) disputing a possible mark in front of Geelong's goal.

There were other men who transferred this season. Austin Robertson —former South Melbourne champion, and former world sprint champion—has settled into the Port Melbourne side under Frank Kelly, who has proved a great success as a captain-coach. Bob Pratt has found goals difficult to get at Coburg, but has had his field days.

Association officials believe that they are steadily building up for big times. On every hand is heard the strongest recommendation for the Association throw-pass code.

But reverting to Ron Todd—while outstanding, there have been games when he has had to fight desperately for every kick he has got. He confesses that the opposition has been strong.

Todd has the highest praise for the Williamstown people, particularly the committeemen who work and sacrifice themselves for the social welfare of their players.

An official at Collingwood this week, trying to explain the team's moderate showing and the reason for its

After A Year of Association Football, RON TODD Says . . .

No More League For Me

League stars who transferred to the Association this season — how have they fared?

Were the transfers a success? Are the clubs satisfied?

Do the players regret the transfers?

A search among the men concerned disclosed that the transfers had turned out very happily for all concerned.

Ron Todd, former Collingwood champion forward, whose transfer to Williamstown at the start of the season caused a football sensation, said: "I am perfectly happy — not the slightest regret. Williamstown is one of the outstanding clubs of the State."

And Williamstown: "Todd is a great player and a great fellow. He has proved the ideal club man."

So, on that basis, it would seem the experiment will become an annual affair.

An Interview by H. A. de Lacy

RON TODD going out to play for Williamstown

THE Association has had a trying season due to enlistment of players and employment in essential services of others; but there was not a growl or a regret anywhere. Teams were weakened, but local juniors and amateur players were enlisted to build up playing strengths and everyone was happy.

Above all else in the Association, the experiment in taking a star, as Todd undoubtedly is, and paying him a considerable salary, was set down for a thorough testing.

The result has been thoroughly satisfactory. The Association clubs know this, and are already casting around for other players.

However, Todd has set a high standard, and it is certain that in the future only men who are good fellows and good club men, in addition to good players, will be invited to transfer.

missing the finals, said that the team had been left in the lurch through the disloyalty of players, for whom no adequate substitutes were ready.

That indicates a suggestion that Todd, who transferred this year to Williamstown, caused the breakdown. This, despite the statement made previously by another leading official of the club that Todd's place would be "quite easily filled."

No Apology For Transfer

TODD considered that the reference was aimed at him, and told me so. He had no apologies to make for his transfer to Williamstown, he said. Above all else, it had shown him that a player who wanted to be a good club man could be just as happy and just as contented at other clubs as at Collingwood.

"At any rate, I was not sold body and soul to Collingwood," he said. "I hold that any player is at full liberty to transfer to any club that offers better opportunities. The first thing is to be true to himself.

"To sum up, I believe that the Association rules are developing the best type of football. The League rules are becoming more and more involved."

Todd explained that he did not wish to convey the idea that Association players, as a whole, were equal to League men. There certainly were stars in each Association club, but the balance of these clubs did not reach the all-round standard of League clubs.

Todd said he had met some great players in the Association. In his own team—Williamstown—Cutting was a clinking half-back, Dellar a back pocket player and Chisholm a wing who would fly into a League side.

In other sides he had been greatly taken with Lance Collins. Although Collins was hurt when Williamstown met them, he showed his class. Wilcox, a centre half-back, was another fine player, and Hall (Brighton) a good one.

"I had been a good club man to Collingwood and they had their opportunity of clearing me. There was no question of disloyalty. They had ample notice of my intentions."

Todd said he was perfectly happy at Williamstown and had no complaints or regrets. He considered Williamstown as good a club as could be found in the State.

His transfer to Williamstown had resulted in the happiest relationship between that club and himself.

"I have found out another thing, too," he said—"just how hard Association committeemen work and just how unselfish they are to make every player feel at home. The amount of work these committeemen do has amazed me. They don't do it for reward. They do it for the love of their club.

"For this reason I see the Association ultimately pulling to the front of football once more. The hard work of these good fellows will ultimately win tremendous district followings."

Todd pointed out that the relationship between Association clubs and their ground managers was such a happy one that the clubs were given every opportunity to improve their teams. That must tell in the long run.

"There are one or two things I would like to say about Association football," Todd continued.

Judgment Astray

"IN the first place, when I transferred to Williamstown several people, who were supposed to know all about the relative strengths of Association and League teams, told me I was transferring to a grade of football little better than paddock football.

"Their judgment is astray. I have played just as well as I have been allowed to play. I have met half-backs this season who have given me all I want. They have made me earn every kick I got.

"These fellows are mostly youngsters who, if they were given better training opportunities, would be among the top-notchers of the game.

"By better opportunities I mean this: Association grounds are farther from the city than most League grounds. In the middle of the winter when it gets dark very quickly players working in the city find it hard to get to their grounds in time to have a solid training run. Mostly they have to work in the dark. Naturally that is a disadvantage.

"There are fellows playing in every Association side who would star in the League game.

"Some of the teams are suffering this year, but I have not heard a complaint even among the weakest sides. They have filled up depleted ranks from juniors and are carrying on, winning when they can and not growling, as many League players have been this season.

"But the comparison between the League game and the Association is never more marked than when you sit down and consider the rules. The Association rules are ideal—the best I have ever played under. The League rules were confusing enough last season, and from what I have heard and seen—yes, I saw a League game this season—they are getting worse.

"In the League game I saw this year it seemed to be to be very confusing to try to follow the umpiring.

"There are good men in every club and any League man who thinks he can come across to the Association and do as he likes has a sad awakening coming to him. He has to play good football to hold his own," added Todd.

"The penalty rule for charging is the best football rule yet introduced. If it had been in the League it would have saved the tribunal considerable time this season.

Demands Teamwork

"THE throw-pass brings out the best type of football and demands team-work. It is not over-done by the successful teams. There are instances where young and inexperienced players use handball badly. That happens everywhere and is not the fault of the rules.

"The game is very fast—a trifle too fast for some teams, where again some of the younger players do not stop to take the time to develop proper backing-up and proper leading. But those teams find their level, and young players improve."

So Todd is perfectly happy at Williamstown.

What of Williamstown? Are they satisfied with their side of the bargain? I went first to Gordon Ogden, the Williamstown captain-coach, who was seriously injured against Coburg a fortnight ago. Ogden is in Mount St. Evins Hospital.

He summed up the players' opinion of Todd by saying: "We not only got a good player, but we got a good fellow and an ideal club man.

"Todd has fitted in and made himself at home. We are all very glad that a young player of Ron's type and outlook has joined us.

"I want to say right here that the Association clubs are building in the right way by bringing across men like Ron Todd. I wondered when the transfer got so much publicity how it would all work out—but it has been an outstanding success.

"The Association has been a particularly happy family this year. They have faced trying times cheerfully. Everyone has a good word for someone else. The players are not getting a fortune and in some clubs they are playing for the love of the game; but they are a darn sight happier than players in some League clubs.

"I move around a good deal. I have still many good friends in the League game. They have told me just how they feel about it all. Things have been very strained in the League game, what with rules, umpires and cuts.

"I see a great future for the Association."

Compiled By
GOLDEN BOY

W. O'Neill (C.).

Plenty Of Throwing

"AND as to throwing the ball, about which certain people make such an outcry, they were pitching it one hand and two hands in every part of the field. What has become of the League punch-pass that everyone was so keen about? I saw nearly as much throwing in that game as we get in an Association game.

"But the big difference between the League rules and the Association is this: In the Association the main success goes to the player who goes in and gets the ball.

> "In the League game there are fellows sparring for kicks in every part of the field—just dwelling on the other fellow in the hope that they will catch him in possession. Any player that tries that in the Association is left flat-footed.

"I have found the Association rules in favor of the man who wants to play the ball. The critics of the Association rules have never stopped to think where they are getting with their own League rules.

Ideal Club Man

THE Williamstown president, Mr Harsley, was most enthusiastic about the way Todd had fitted into their side.

"Ron has proved to be the ideal club man. He has fitted in with us and made himself at home. We are very proud to have him."

Laurie Nash, whose transfer from South Melbourne to Camberwell was the first of a series of sensational transfers from League clubs to the Association, is playing as well as ever. He is selected by Jim Blake, The Globe Association writer, as an outstanding half-forward of the Association season.

Camberwell have been crippled by enlistments and the retention of players for essential services. Nash has been called on to carry a heavy load, but his football in a weak side has been outstanding.

Nash, who was the finest footballer in Australia last season, has strengthened his claims for the honor again by the manner in which he has carried Camberwell.

Bob Pratt, who while at South Melbourne created a League record for the number of goals kicked in a season—150—has found it difficult to get goals in the Association and has not been the sensation many suggested he would be.

He has had to fight for every goal he has kicked. Pratt has had a moderate season only.

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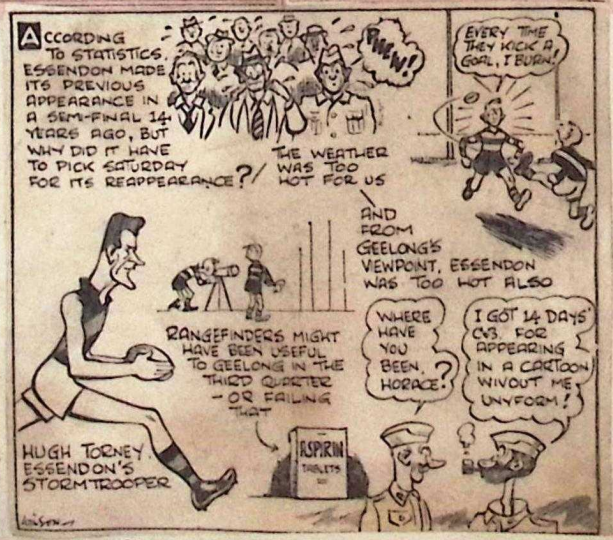
Lynch (Geelong) and Green (Essendon) flying high for a mark during a Geelong rally.

Smith (Fitzroy) and Wrout (No. 28), of Carlton, disputing a mark near the Maroons' goal while Curcio (Fitzroy captain) looks on.

LEADING LEAGUE FOLLOWERS. — Hugh Torney (vice-captain, left) and Jack Cassin, Essendon's opening ruck combination, whose play throughout the season has assisted the Dons to reach the semi-finals for the first time since 1926.

ESSENDON FOOTBALLER PLAYS AND WEDS ON SATURDAY.—Tom Reynolds, seen at left holding tight to the ball, and G. C. Gneil, Geelong full-back, during the League semi-final on Saturday, was married in the evening to Miss Emily Rose Nicholls. Right: Mrs. Reynolds signing the register at St. Paul's, Ascot Vale, with the Rev. E. C. Frewin and the bridal party watching.


ACCORDING TO STATISTICS, ESSENDON MADE ITS PREVIOUS APPEARANCE IN A SEMI-FINAL 14 YEARS AGO, BUT WHY DID IT HAVE TO PICK SATURDAY FOR ITS REAPPEARANCE?
PHEW!
THE WEATHER WAS TOO HOT FOR US
EVERY TIME THEY KICK A GOAL, I BURN!
AND FROM GEELONG'S VIEWPOINT, ESSENDON WAS TOO HOT ALSO
RANGEFINDERS MIGHT HAVE BEEN USEFUL TO GEELONG IN THE THIRD QUARTER —OR FAILING THAT
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, HORACE?
I GOT 14 DAYS' CW3. FOR APPEARING IN A CARTOON W/OUT ME UNYFORM!
HUGH TORNEY ESSENDON'S STORMTROOPER
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TABLETS

Brownlow Medal Voting Tie

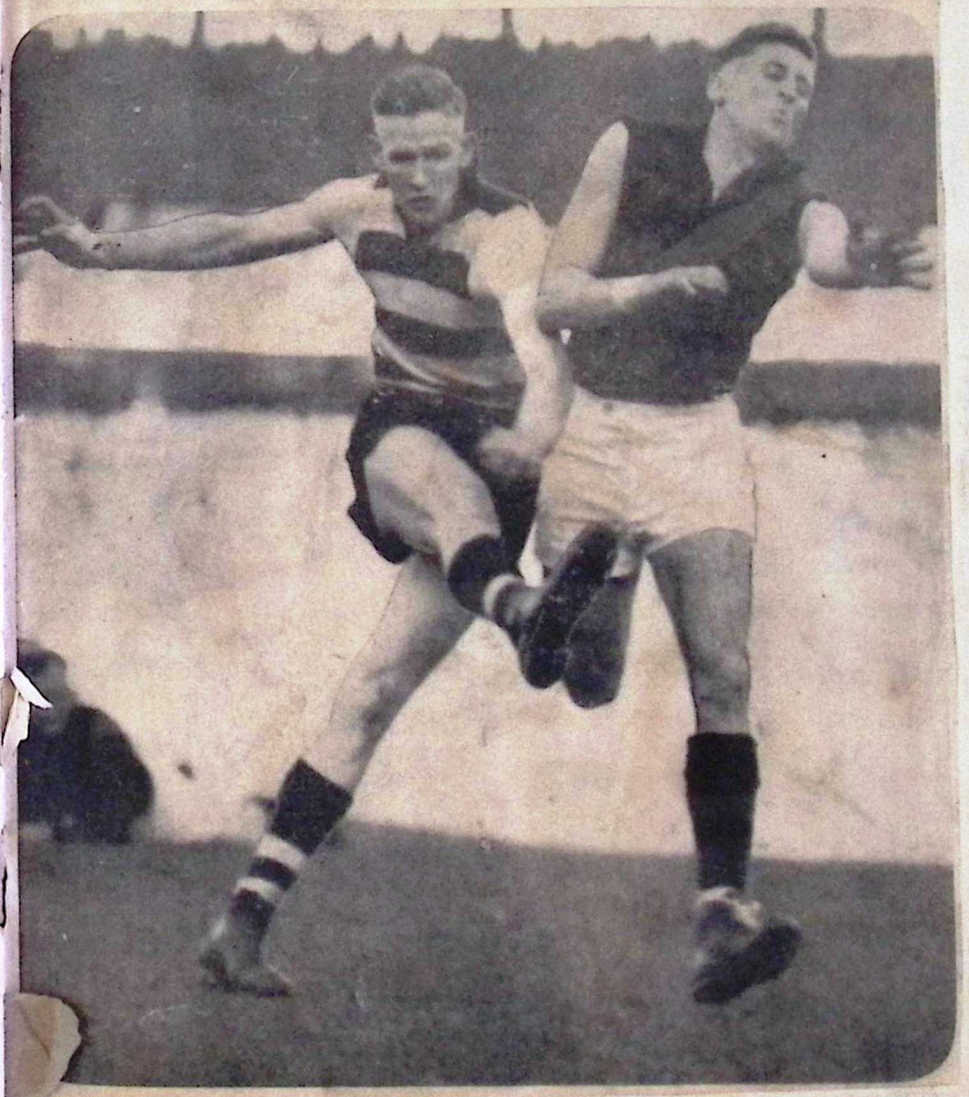
Des Fothergill Herbie Matthews

DES. FOTHERGILL, Collingwood rover, and Herbie Matthews, South Melbourne captain, each received 32 votes for the Brownlow Medal when umpires' votes were counted last night. The League will make a decision.

H. Torney, Essendon follower, was third with 24 votes, and N. Ware (Footscray) next with 20.

R. Reynolds, Essendon captain and coach, who has won the trophy three times, received only five votes, and Marcus Whelan (Collingwood), last year's winner, did not get a vote.

Essendon Enters Finals



THIS ONE GOT AWAY. — F. Green (Essendon) fails to stop his opponent (J. T. Lynch, Geelong) from kicking for goal in the League football semi-final at Melbourne Cricket Ground on Saturday. Essendon won 92-74, after a poor display of football.

The "Sun" Photo.

PRACTICE FOR THE SECOND LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL was held by the rival teams, Richmond and Melbourne, at their respective grounds last evening. Left: Jack Dyer, of Richmond, at kicking practice. Right: Ron Baggott and Alan La Fontaine flying for a mark at Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Lock, Melbourne full-back, is tackled by Francis (left), but holds the mark and turns a Carlton attack.

Francis (Carlton) marks cleanly in front of Fincher (Melbourne) to complete a thrust on the Demons goal.

RUCKMEN IN THE PICTURE

Carlton's ruck in action against Fitzroy—McLean taking an easy mark while Bennett covers up on the left. Hearn (Fitzroy) is on the right.

Dashing defence work by KEVIN O'NEILL (Richmond) as he beats Smith to the ball and turns a Melbourne thrust.

KNOTT (Fitzroy) marking over Smeaton (Richmond)—left—and his club-mate Curtain as Fitzroy pressed home an attack.

JACK TITUS, leading League goal-kicker, playing his 150th consecutive game with Richmond, makes an unhurried shot for goal while Cleary (South Melbourne) tackles him from behind.

Bryce (Essendon) falls between two Melbourne opponents—Lock (left) and Jones—after taking a mark in front of goal.

Jack Dyer, Richmond ruckman, flies high to smother his opponent as they dispute a mark.

LEAGUE FOOTBALLERS in A.I.F. artillery camp at Geelong like Picture-News. They are Bdr. J. Bissett (ex South Melbourne Captain); "Tich" Edwards (ex Fitzroy) and Len Thomas (ex North Melbourne Coach).

Torney (Essendon) marks with ease over his opponent while his team-mate, Green, awaits results. An incident in the semi-final.

Fischer (Melb.), in front, and Priestly (Rich.) going for the hit-out while Harris (Rich.) watches from behind.

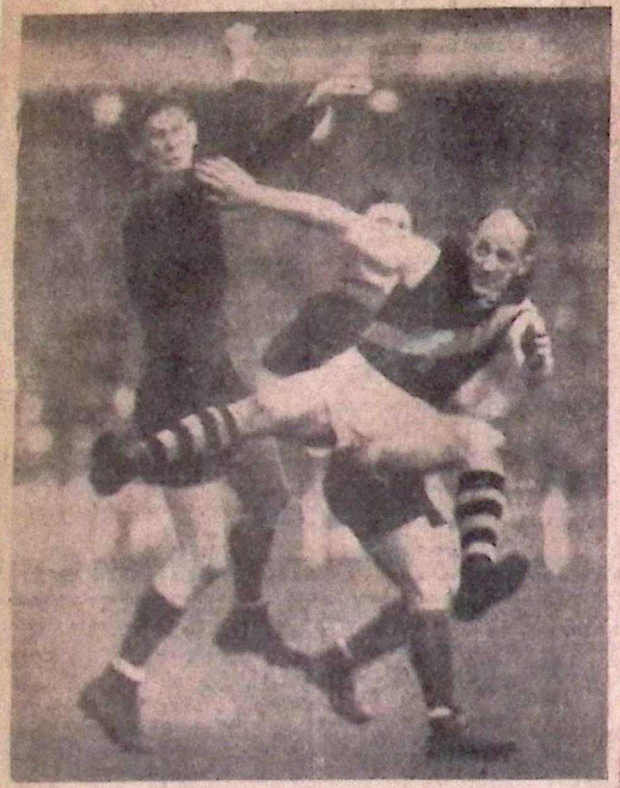
DOUGHERTY (Geelong) and ANDERSON (Carlton) fly for a mark in front of Carlton's goal in the first round of games at the M.C.G.

H. Matthews, unanimously chosen by The Globe Staff as the outstanding man of the season.

Watts (Essendon)—left—and Fischer (Melbourne) disputing a mark in the game at the M.C.G.

MARCUS WHELAN (MAGPIES)

Veteran Turns A Melbourne Thrust



Dashing defence work by KEVIN O'NEILL (Richmond) as he beats Smith to the ball and turns a Melbourne thrust.

Melbourne Defence Hard Pressed

Betson (Essendon)—left—and Fischer (Melbourne) turn to race after the ball as the Dons press home an attack on Melbourne's goal—an incident in the preliminary final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Fischer (Melb.), in front, and Priestly (Rich.) going for the hit-out while [illegible]s (Rich.) watches from behind

FOOTBALL.

SANDOVER MEDAL.

E. O'Keefe Successful.

E. O'Keefe, the West Perth ruck man, has won the Sandover Medal awarded for the best and fairest player in the West Australian National Football League this season. His consistent and spectacular efforts were largely responsible for West Perth's rise from last to fifth position on the premiership table and his success is popular. O'Keefe gained 29 points from the field umpires and a team-mate, S. Heal, and L. Hardiman (Subiaco) each gained 25. A. Gook (Perth) and W. O'Neill (Claremont) were next with 23 points.

The votes were counted yesterday and O'Keefe received the news of his success with characteristic modesty. He mentioned that Heal or Hardiman should have won and he expressed gratitude for the help of his colleagues, especially N. McDiarmid and M. McCallum in the ruck. O'Keefe has been an outstanding player this season and has been rewarded justly. He joined West Perth in 1933 after playing with the Mt. Hawthorn juniors and has played in 140 games for the club. He has not missed a league game in the last five seasons. In 1935 he first played for Western Australia and altogether he has appeared five times for the State. High-marking is O'Keefe's speciality and he first proved his real worth in the 1933 final against Subiaco.

Hardiman did well to gain 25 points and he was mentioned in 13 matches compared with O'Keefe's 12. An unusual feature of the voting was the prominence of Heal, a clubmate of the winner. Like O'Keefe, O'Neill, Gook and R. Thomas, Heal was voted first in each of six matches.

E. O'KEEFE.

Details:—

E. O'KEEFE (West Perth)	29
S. HEAL (West Perth)	25
L. HARDIMAN (Subiaco)	25
A. GOOK (Perth)	23
W. O'NEILL (Claremont)	23
R. THOMAS (East Perth)	20

19.—J. Reid (Claremont).
17.—H. Burton (Subiaco).
16.—C. Rosewarne (Swan Districts).
14.—N. Lewington (South Fremantle).
13.—E. Henfry (Perth) and A. Wilkinson (Subiaco).
10.—G. Meiers (East Fremantle).
9.—W. Truscott, M. Haskell (S.F.) and J. Williams (S.D.).
8.—W. McKenzie (Perth) and G. Prince (E.F.).
7.—R. Starr (E.P.), L. Graham (E.P.) and S. Sinclair (S.D.).
6.—G. Meloney (C.), H. Guthrie (C.), D. Doig (S.F.), E. Sweet (E.P.).
5.—M. Hilsz (P.), W. Kingsley (W.P.), J. Pola (W.P.), C. Rowland (E.P.), B. Bescarla (E.P.), W. Casserly (E.P.), J. Compton (C.) and R. Moser (S.D.).
4.—P. Jenkins (S.P.), C. Lewington (S.F.), J. Mills (S.F.), B. Ryan (E.P.), S. Broom (E.P.), and F. Williams (S.).
3.—O. Doig (E.F.), V. French (E.F.), D. Gabrielson (E.P.), K. McGlinn (E.P.), T. Serjeant (C.), J. Edmeades (C.), R. Heuser (C.), I. Grieve (C.), K. Shea (S.F.), G. Bailey (P.), M. McIntosh (P.), M. Roe (S.), and A. Hall (E.P.).
2.—M. Davey (P.), H. Burton (P.), R. Skahill (E.P.), A. Campbell (E.P.), C. Doig (E.P.), R. Hannell (E.P.), V. Donegan (E.P.), L. Dearle (E.P.), E. Holdsworth (S.D.) and R. Annesley (S.D.).

1.—A. Ebbs (E.P.), S. Selfridge (E.P.), J. Hooper (C.), A. Shaw (E.P.), A. Randall (S.D.), J. Greene (S.D.), A. Zilko (S.D.), D. Smith (S.F.), P. Renfrey (S.F.), A. Higham (S.F.), W. Barr (S.F.), D. Which (S.F.), A. Grigg (P.), R. Rundell (P.), D. Caplin (W.P.), G. Donnelly (W.P.), E. Giese (W.P.), W. Ramsden (W.P.), E. Golding (S.), N. Smith (S.), H. Streeting (E.P.) and F. McEncroe (E.P.).

Team totals.—Claremont, 73 points; West Perth, 68; Subiaco, 64; East Perth, 62; Perth, 61; South Fremantle, 58; East Fremantle, 50; Swan Districts, 44.

Remarkable Leap Stops Attack

HALL (Fitzroy) leaps high in front of Titus (Richmond) to take a mark during a Richmond forward move. F. Hughson (Fitzroy) is on the right.

Lynch (Geelong) and Green (Essendon) flying high for a mark during a Geelong rally.

Smith (Fitzroy) and Wrout (No. 28), of Carlton, disputing a mark near the Maroons' goal while Curcio (Fitzroy captain) looks on.

Bethune (Geelong) goes up behind Hearne (Fitzroy) and punches the ball away as the last named attempts to mark. Starkpole (Fitzroy) is in the foreground.

They thus retained their record of never having been beaten in a Grand Final. It is their fourth premiership—1900, 1926, last year and this.

The attendance was 69,061, a drop of 9000 from last season. The receipts were £4528/1/9, a drop of £666/8/3 from last year. Added to this must be the £1000 which the League will secure from weather insurance.

Wednesday, October 2, 1940

THE

MELBOURNE PREMIERS

Wet Weather Aids In Success

SOUND TACTICS

By H. A. de LACY

MELBOURNE are the 1940 League premiers, and they deserve the honor, for in every department of the Grand Final at Melbourne on Saturday they were without question or doubt the superior team.

PROGRESS SCORES

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final
Melbourne	4.8	10.11	13.15	15.17
Richmond	3.0	4.2	5.4	10.8

Crane was never happy in the wet going, and at centre half-forward was a liability. The half-forward line was beaten all day, and this, added to the discomfiture of seeing Dyer eclipsed, and Titus, their full forward, held, contributed to the Tigers' defeat.

MERITED TITLE

On their showing, Melbourne deserved their premiership. They were outstanding as the team to be beaten from an early date, but in recent weeks suffered such a crop of injuries and upsets that their form suffered. The Tigers were right in the box-seat to win, and they couldn't do it. On Saturday. We saw the real Melbourne—the rightful premiers.

Melbourne won 15.17 to 10.8.

Custodian As Full Forward

PLAYING in a new role as full-forward, Jim Francis, Carlton's acting-captain, evades Lock (right) and Emselle, both of Melbourne, and lands a goal. On the ground is Crisp (Carlton). Francis usually plays on the back line.

A mighty punch by Hodges (Richmond) sends the ball soaring over the heads of Evendon and Ellis of Footscray in their second round game won by Richmond at the M.C.G.

THE League had insured against 10 points of rain falling between 10.30 and 2.30. Actually 11 points fell. Shortly after 3 o'clock, the League treasurer (Mr George Cathie) gleefully waved the cheque for the £1000.

The story of that insurance cheque should be the story of the commencement of the game — it began in rain, with the grandstands packed, and only a few thousand people braving the elements by sitting out in the open.

Both teams were confident that they could win in the rain or in fine weather.

From the start of the game Melbourne's tactics were apparent. A Melbourne man was always in close attendance on Dyer, the Richmond crack. Every time Dyer made a move towards the ball he was bustled, indicating Melbourne's determination to prevent his effectiveness at any cost.

FOOTBALL LESSON

Melbourne gave Richmond a football lesson. They raced them to the ball and they outmarked them, showed more intelligence in gathering the crumbs, and were in everything the superior team.

For three quarters it was all Melbourne, with Richmond routed. The Tigers came back in the last quarter and gave as much as they got, but it was too late to save the game. The recovery should have come in the second quarter.

At times the game was tame for lack of competition, so superior were Melbourne. Interest began to centre in side issues, such as whether Titus would get his 100th goal for the season and create a new Richmond record for individual goal-kicking. He got his goal in the last quarter, and has now kicked 793 goals—the greatest individual tally of any player in the game today.

Smith, the Melbourne forward, who kicked seven goals today, made his total for the season 87—a record for a Melbourne player.

Richmond will, no doubt, try to find the reasons for their non-success, but I think they can first blame themselves for the omission of Scott, one of the best wet-weather players in the game.

Even at the eleventh hour, when it was not too late to switch the teams, the selectors preferred Crane to Scott.

G. Lane (left), star forward from Essendon Seconds, playing at centre forward in his first match with the seniors against Melbourne, going for a mark with T. Reynolds, Essendon's captain.

Lock (Melbourne) making a vain attempt to spoil Crisp's mark by holding him round the waist during a forward move by the visitors. Francis (Carlton) is on the left.

LINE SHAPES Exerc

ALWAYS A FEATURE

DUELS such as that shown above, are always appreciated by the crowds. Lynch (Geelong) and Smeaton (Richmond, right) fly high for a mark in the Geelong forward area at Richmond.

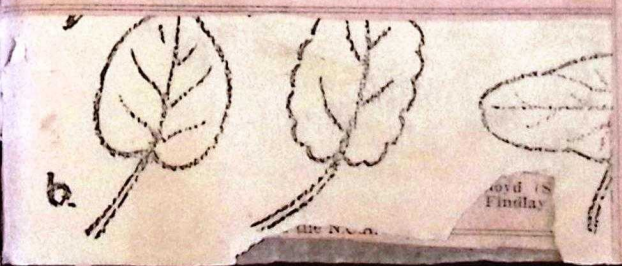
Richmond Leader Gathers It In

Richmond's captain, Percy Bentley, scoops up the ball in front of Ball (Melbourne) as the Tigers press home an attack on Melbourne's goal at the M.C.G.

ENERGY THAT WAS FRUITLES

Plenty of energy went into this effort when big men in the Richmond Melbourne game flew for the mark, but nobody seems to know wher the ball is. From left: Fischer (Melb.), Crane (Rich.) and Dyer (Rich.)

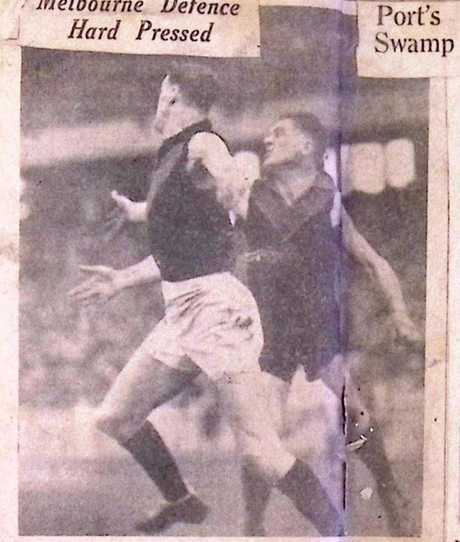
Castles (Port Melbourne) eludes two Prahran opponents and has a shot for goal in the Association grand-final at the M.C.G.



Emselle (Melbourne) arrives too late to prevent Bentley, Richmond captain, from taking an easy mark in front of Melbourne's goal. Baxter (Melbourne full-back) is behind Emselle.

Probyn (Prahran) playing a lone hand against Port Melbourne forwards during an attack on Prahran's goal at the M.C.G. Freyer, Port Melbourne's champion goal-kicker, waits in the foreground.

Melbourne Defence Hard Pressed



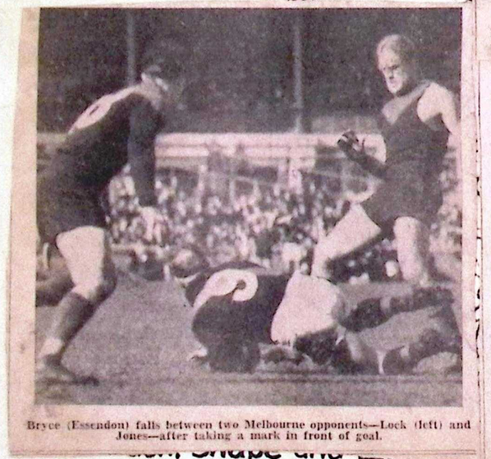
Betson (Essendon)—left—and Fischer (Melbourne) race after the ball as the Dons press home an attack on Melbne's goal—an incident in the preliminary final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Port's Forwards Swamp Defender

Probyn (Prahran) playing a lone hand against Port Melbourne forwards during an attack on Prahran's goal at the M.C.G. Freyer, Port Melbourne's champion goal-kicker, waits in the foreground.

Sellwood (Geelong)—left—and Kearne (Fitzroy) stage an aerial duel over the Geelong man in the centre. Sellwood appears to have got there first.

Murnane (Melbourne) gets well off the ground and marks cleanly over his club-mate, Dowsing, and Priestly (No. 11) of Richmond.



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Murnane (Melbourne) adopts wet weather tactics and marks the ball on his chest in front of Melbourne's goal. T. Reynolds (Essendon) has missed the mark, while Emselle (Melbourne) waits on the right.

Spoiled Each Other

Cottner (North Melbourne) and Lloyd (St. Kilda) flew high for this one, but the ball beat them both. Findlay (North Melbourne) looks on.

Everett (Geelong) and Bryce (Essendon) disputing a possible mark in front of Geelong's goal.

At Fitzroy

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cannot imagine anything beyon